

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT (WEEK 15)

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS – MAY 9, 2010
PASTOR STEVE – JUDGING OTHERS (MT. 7:1-6)

connect

1. What's your name?
2. What was your first job? Did you like it or dislike it?

study

1. When is it easiest for you to “put on your robe and start shooting”?
2. Read Matthew 7:1 out loud. In what ways has this verse been misunderstood? Can you give some examples even in today's world?
3. What does and doesn't Jesus mean by the word “judge”?
4. Read Matthew 7:2-6. Steve suggested these verses contain four principles for how we should judge others. What were they? Which one resonated with you the most? Which one is hardest for you?
5. *In-Depth on Principle 1:* Do you judge others exactly how you want to be judged? Why or why not? Can you share a time when either you weren't judged “slowly, thoroughly, or mercifully” or you didn't judge someone else that way and wished you had? What did you learn?
6. *In-Depth on Principle 2:* Why do we care so much about “specks” in others but we are blind to the “planks” in our own life?
7. *In-Depth on Principle 3:* Is all correction wrong? When, according to verse 5 can we properly judge someone?
8. *In-Depth on Principle 4:* Why is Jesus' wisdom in verse 6 so important? Have you experienced this? When? How did you respond?

9. What's the one thing you know you need to do as a result of this message? What is the main thing that God revealed to you?

pray

1. Pray that we will be men and women who are more concerned with our own lives, rather than judging the lives of others.
2. Prayer requests – how can you specifically pray for each other this week?